

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 492nd Meeting of the Council, Los Angeles, Biltmore Hotel, June 1, 1963.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson in the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, on Saturday, June 1, 1963, at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Sherman, President-Elect Doyle, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Heron and Councilors MacLaggan, Wilson, Todd, Goel, O'Neill, Bullock, O'Connor, Rogers, Murray, Davis, Miller, Hudson, Kaiser, Anderson, Dozier, Grunigen and Cosentino.

Absent for cause, Councilors Ham, Dalton, Watts, Campbell; Editor Wilbur and Secretary Hosmer.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Marvin, Whelan, Klutch, Clark, Tobitt and Bowman and Doctor Miller of C.M.A. staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel; Doctor Dan O. Kilroy, legislative chairman and Mr. Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League; county executives Rosenthal of Forty First, Baker and Field of Los Angeles, Brayer of Riverside, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco; Doctor Harold Erickson of the State Department of Public Health; Doctor Daniel Lieberman of the State Department of Mental Hygiene; Mr. Robert Garrick, consultant; Doctors T. Eric Reynolds, Paul Hoagland and Carl Horn of California Physicians' Service; Frank R. McDougall of the California Hospital Association; Mr. John Pompelli of the A.M.A.; Doctor Ballentine Henley of the California College of Medicine; and Doctors Harold Kay and Stuart Knox.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 490th and 491st meetings of the Council held respectively on March 27 and April 27, 1963, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of May 28, 1963, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 2,226 delinquent members whose dues had been paid by May 28, 1963, were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, 21 applicants were elected to Associate membership. These were: Joel Fort, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Ralph C. Jung, Forty First; Paul H. Guth, Orange County; Paul A. Exelby, San Bernardino

County; Roger K. Larson, Fresno County; Jose A. Aguilar, Roderic Gorney, Jack M. Hellman, Benjamin Maurice Lieberman, Hyman Peck, Leo Weil Syman, John T. Wilson, Jr., Los Angeles County; Eleanor U. Brown, Zach B. Coblentz, Robert Jameson, Alfred B. Philips, Kahn Uyeyama, Forrest M. Willett, San Francisco County; Truman A. Newberry, San Joaquin County; Alvin Griffiths Barnes, San Luis Obispo; Joseph A. Verderame, Stanislaus County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 39 members were elected to retired membership. These were: Bernard Burch, John Robertson Henry, Alameda-Contra Costa; Jane M. Brand, Malcolm L. Castleberry, Georgia M. Clark, Delmar B. Cosby, Homer E. De Sadeleer, Rex Dodds, Wayne Dooley, Phoebe Dunning Douglas, Mary E. Emig, Frederick C. H. Fowler, J. Francis Guyton, William W. Hampton, Katherine H. Hopps, Harold P. Huntington, Lida G. Keyes, Amanda C. Marshall, Duward L. Mayes, Ross H. McClaskey, Edward W. Milum, George K. Needels, Hester T. Olewiler, William V. Patterson, Harold Robbins, Simon M. Schwartz, Mabel Sipple, Jack M. Stein, Fred H. Stone, Robert R. Tornell, Victor M. Trask, Forty First; Wallace Dodge, Louise Josephine Gordy, Lucille McConnell Gustafson, Los Angeles County; Hiram M. Currey, Riverside County; George W. Hemminger, Sacramento County; James H. Hall, Lewis Michelson, Roy H. Parkinson, San Francisco County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, reduction of dues was voted for reasons of prolonged illness or postgraduate study, for 13 members.

3. California College of Medicine:

Doctor Henley, President of the California College of Medicine, thanked the Council for the recent contributions made by C.M.A. to the C.C.M. He also reported that a "search committee" is actively seeking qualified candidates for appointments to the deanship and as chief of the department of surgery.

4. State Department of Public Health:

Doctor Harold Erickson, deputy director of the State Department of Public Health, reported briefly on the Asian flu epidemic. He stated that an application for a federal grant is being made by the department to develop a small study at local level to determine why a certain segment of the population has not been vaccinated for diphtheria, smallpox, polio and tetanus. According to Doctor Erickson, a \$483,000 grant will be available, if a congressional appropriation is made, to carry out a pilot study of migrant farm labor health problems.

5. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Doctor Daniel Lieberman, Director of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, thanked C.M.A. for providing inspection teams to visit all state mental hospitals. Doctor Stuart Knox, chairman of the project for C.M.A., reported that surveys of five mental hospitals have been completed and a report on each is being written. The Council commended the twenty-five physicians who took part in the surveys. Laudatory press coverage of this program was noted with satisfaction.

6. *State Department of Social Welfare:*

Doctor Lester McDonald, medical consultant to the State Department of Social Welfare, outlined to the Council the various amendments to the Rattigan-Burton Act contained in A. B. No. 59.

7. *California Physicians' Service:*

Doctor Paul Hoagland reported that C.P.S. is making an extensive survey of its relationships with the medical profession. An experimental program is also being undertaken to determine the feasibility and costs of providing insurance coverage for convalescent care. He noted that over 50% of the physicians in Santa Barbara County are now participating in the public assistance program in that county, under the experimental, prepaid C.P.S. program inaugurated the first of the year.

8. *California Hospital Association:*

Mr. McDougall, President of California Hospital Association, reported that thirty former osteopathic hospitals have now qualified for membership in C.H.A. Members of the Forty First Medical Society are being granted medical staff privileges in the hospital in which Mr. McDougall is administrator, and in other hospitals he has visited.

9. *Reports of Officers:*

President Sherman reported on his various activities since the last meeting; included were the following: a meeting with the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports, a meeting sponsored by the Bureau of Research and Planning, the national meeting of the Joint Council to Improve the Health Care of the Aged, annual meeting of the California Medical Assistants, a meeting with the board of directors of L.A.C.M.A., a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee with the State Department of Employment, and attendance at meetings considering legislative problems facing medicine, held at A.M.A. headquarters, and similar meetings held in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

President-Elect Doyle reported to the Council concerning his attendance at a national AMPAC meeting. He also attended many of the meetings reported on by President Sherman.

10. *House of Delegates' Resolutions:*

The Council completed its review of various resolutions adopted at the 1963 Annual Session of the House of Delegates and referred them to the appropriate committees for necessary action.

11. *Committee on Legislation:*

Doctor Dan Kilroy, chairman of the C.M.A. Committee on Legislation, reviewed the status of various bills of interest to medicine pending before the State Legislature. Proposals to modify the law regarding such things as abortions, workmen's compensation, the payment by the state of customary professional fees, and the establishment of licensure for x-ray technicians, have been referred to various committees for interim study. Bills relating to staff hospital records, hypnosis, physician-ownership of pharmacies, the "little" King-Anderson bill, and A. B. No. 79—professional corporations, are still pending. Since the House of Delegates directed that further study be made before legislation is supported, the Council directed that C.M.A. oppose A. B. No. 79 in its present form.

12. *Committee on Dangerous Drugs:*

Doctor Quinn reported that Senate Resolutions 150 and 151 urge C.M.A. to educate its members with respect to chloramphenicol and other dangerous drugs. It was recommended that scientific education articles be prepared for publication, especially concerning Chloromycetin, Percodan and Methedrine. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Committee on Dangerous Drugs and the Committee on Scientific Information have such articles written, and submit them to *California Medicine* for publication.

13. *Council Ad Hoc Committee on Radiologists' Fees:*

Doctor Davis reported to the Council that the committee has held its first meeting and that progress is definitely being made.

14. *Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Annual Component Officers' Conference:*

Doctor Dozier reported that this committee has met and reviewed the above subject in its entirety. It was their recommendation that the meeting in 1964 be held in conjunction with the Annual Session; that is, the day before the session commences.

15. *1960 Relative Value Studies:*

The Commission on Medical Services reported that it will have ready by the fall of 1963, a revision of the nomenclature in the 1960 Relative Value Studies.

16. *Commission on Public Agencies:*

Doctor MacLaggan reported favorably the recommendations of the Committee on Other Professions concerning the nurse obstetrical program being studied by the State Department of Public Health. On motion duly made and seconded, this report was referred back to the commission for further study.

17. *Commission on Community Health Services:*

Doctor Kay reported that the publication of *Health Tips* is continuing to receive much favorable comment. The study of fluoridation being conducted with the dental association is continuing.

A statement concerning C.M.A.'s participation in outside activities, which was recommended by the commission, was approved by the Council.

"Suggested Guides for Liaison with County Hospitals" was approved, with minor changes.

The Council was advised that the Committee on Traffic Safety has reported favorably on a proposal that the State Department of Public Health establish a traffic safety unit to study traffic accidents. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council approved this action.

18. *Bureau on Communications:*

On behalf of the chairman, Mr. Marvin reported that the Bureau on Communications is developing a series of slides to assist speakers in the presentation of various subjects of public interest, and is also developing a statement to be used by schools concerning smoking.

19. *Bureau of Research and Planning:*

The Council approved the publication of the Physician Fee Index study developed by the Bureau.

20. *Keogh Retirement Program:*

Mr. Hassard recommended that the consultants appointed by the Council proceed to develop specifications upon which proposals may be sought for a) an annuity insurance program, and b) a group equity investment program. The Council approved the recommendation and directed that necessary inquiries be made.

21. *St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka:*

The Council approved a requested study of staff relationships at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, by a joint C.M.A.-C.H.A. inspection team.

22. *Complaints Concerning Non-members:*

The Council directed the Committee on Mediation and Medical Care Insurance and the Medical Executives' Conference to study and report on whether fee complaints and related problems concerning non-members of a component medical society should be reviewed by local and state review committees.

23. *Congratulations to John Quilici:*

The Council extended congratulations to John Hunton's stepson, John Quilici, who was graduating on June 1, 1963, from the University of California Medical School.

24. *Dates of Council Meetings:*

The Council confirmed its next three meetings, to be held on July 13 in San Francisco, August 24 in Los Angeles, and October 12 in San Francisco. A schedule of meetings through the next Annual Session, is to be presented to the next Council meeting.

25. *Sonoma County Medical Society:*

The Council commended Sonoma County Medical Society for leading all counties in California in the percentage of the population immunized for polio.

26. *Scientific Board Survey:*

Chairman Anderson reported that the Sonoma County Medical Society may ask the Scientific Board to survey the activities of the Kelly Foundation in Santa Rosa. The Council recommended that the Scientific Board acknowledge such a request when it is received.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. in memory of Doctor James Dalton's mother.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*